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OWNER OF ATLANTIC CITY TAX PREPARATION BUSINESS INDICTED FOR PREPARING FRAUDULENT TAX RETURNS

Camden, N.J. –The owner of TVO Services, a tax preparation business located in Atlantic City, N.J., has been indicted by a federal grand jury on 28 counts of preparing fraudulent tax returns for clients.

“As we continue with this year’s filing season, the allegations in the indictment against Mr. Vo should serve as a reminder on how important it is when choosing a tax preparer”, stated Jonathan D. Larsen, Acting Special Agent in Charge, IRS-Criminal Investigation, Newark Field Office. “While most return preparers provide excellent service to their clients, a few dishonest tax preparers file false and fraudulent returns to defraud the government, the taxpaying public and their own clients.”

According to the indictment:

Tinh Van Vo, a resident of Egg Harbor Township, N.J., owned TVO Services. For the tax years 2007 through 2010, Vo met with clients at TVO Services in order to prepare their individual tax returns. It is alleged that Vo prepared more than 97 fraudulent tax returns for 28 clients by fabricating and inflating Schedule A itemized deductions such as unreimbursed employee business expenses and charitable contributions as well as fabricating education expenses in order to obtain educational credits on the their returns. None of the 28 clients incurred these expenses nor did they submit documentation or represent to Vo that they had in fact incurred these expenses. By falsifying this information, Vo was able to obtain tax refunds for his clients greater than those they were lawfully entitled to receive.

If convicted, each count of the indictment carries a statutory maximum prison sentence of three years and a statutory maximum fine equal to the greatest of: (1) \$250,000; (2) twice the gross amount of any pecuniary gain derived from the offense; or (3) twice the gross amount of any pecuniary loss sustained by any victims of the offense.

The charges and allegations contained in the indictment are merely accusations, and the defendant is considered innocent unless and until proven guilty.

The investigation was conducted by IRS-Criminal Investigation, Newark Field Office, under the direction of Acting Special Agent in Charge Jonathan D. Larsen and The U.S. Attorney's Office, under the direction of U.S. Attorney Paul J. Fishman.

The government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jackie Carle.

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